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Appl. No.: 10/784,216 Confirmation No. 8409
Applicant: H. INOUE
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Titled: GAS TURBINE COMBUSTOR AND OPERATING METHOD
THEREOF
TC/A.U.: 3746
Examiner: M. Kocz, Jr.

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please further amend the above-identified application as follows.